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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Reinhard Holste, et al

METHOD OF REMOVING MERCURY FROM FLUE GASES

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 8 pages specification, 3 pages (12) claims, 1 page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 2 pages (2 figures), drawings in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of February 16, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 101 07 761.0. A certified copy of said priority document is filed herewith.
3. Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventors, Reinhard Holste and Wolfgang Fey, to BBP Environment GmbH, Fabrikstrasse 1, D-51643 Gummersbach, Germany, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.
4. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$780.00* to cover the official fees of:

Basic fee	\$740.00
Additional fees:	
Total number of claims in excess of 20 (# claims times \$18.00)	\$ 00.00
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 (# claims times \$84.00)	\$ 00.00
Assignment recording fee ✓	\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$780.00</u>

* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages of fees required be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully,

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